GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 32
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2021

PLAN TO REDUCE MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE

32*. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to reduce maternal mortality rate and improve the nutritional level for children and lactating mothers;
(b) if so, the details of the plan and the details of the goals set for next two years, State-wise; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 32 for 04.02.2021 by Shri Satish Chandra Dubey regarding Plan to Reduce Maternal Mortality Rate

(a) to (c) Under the National Health Mission (NHM), following steps have been taken by the Government with the objective of reducing Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in the country:

- Surakshit Matratva Ashwasan (SUMAN) aims to provide assured, dignified, respectful and quality healthcare to every woman and newborn visiting the public health facility.
- Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), a demand promotion and conditional cash transfer scheme which aims at promoting institutional delivery.
- Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), under which every pregnant woman is entitled to free delivery, including caesarean section, in public health institutions along with the provision of free transport, diagnostics, medicines, other consumables & diet.
- Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) provides a minimum package of antenatal care services including investigations and drugs on the 9th day of every month.
- Maternal Death Surveillance Review (MDSR) aims at ensuring reporting and review of every maternal death in the country.
- To strengthen the infrastructure gaps related to Maternal Health services, support is also provided for:
    - ❖ Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Wings at high caseload facilities to improve the management & quality of care.
    - ❖ Birth Waiting Homes to ensure safe institutional deliveries in hard to reach areas.
    - ❖ Strengthening of over 25,000 'Delivery Points' across the country in terms of infrastructure, equipment, and trained manpower for provision of comprehensive RMNCAH+A services.
    - ❖ Functionalization of First Referral Units to provide for emergency obstetric care by ensuring critical components such as manpower, blood storage units, referral linkages, etc.
- Community Outreach through the Monthly Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Days (VHSND) for provision of maternal and child care services.
- Capacity building initiative is undertaken through different training programmes.
- Anaemia Mukt Bharat (AMB) programme to address the prevalence of anaemia among children, adolescent girls, and women.

Under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme of Anganwadi services, Hot Cooked Meal and Take Home Ration is provided to children and pregnant women and lactating mothers. Community mobilization (Jan Andolan) and convergence activities seek to further improve nutritional outcomes .

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